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SUBJECT: HABYARIMANA TO VISIT TRIPOLI

REF: KIGALI 398

1. DEPARTMENT INCLINED TO VIEW UPCOMING VISIT OF RWANDAN  
PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA TO TRIPOLI AS LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT  
IN RWANDAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS. IT FOLLOWS-UP MARCH 1976  
VISIT; PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO STRAIGHTEN OUT PROBLEMS  
WITH HASTELY CONCEIVED ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS; PERMITS  
FURTHER REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; AND ALLOWS FOR  
DISCUSSION OF ARMS PROCUREMENT. VISIT WILL ALSO FILL HOLE  
IN HABYARIMANA'S SCHEDULE BETWEEN VISIT TO FRANCE AND  
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2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN YOUR ESTIMATE PARA 7 REFTTEL  
CONCERNING PURPOSE OF VISIT. GOR SEEMS DETERMINED TO  
OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE. AS REQUESTS TO  
WESTERN SOURCES REJECTED, LIBYA IS A LOGICAL ALTERNATIVE.  
HABYARIMANA MIGHT EVEN CALCULATE THAT ARMS AID CAN HELP

OFFSET LIBYAN COMMITMENTS TO BURUNDI AND UGANDA AND REDUCE DANGER OF LIBYAN SUPPORTED UGANDAN OR BURUNDIAN AGGRESSION.

3. BELIEVE THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR MANIERE'S ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET/LIBYAN COORDINATION VIS-A-VIS RWANDA UNFOUNDED AND HIS SPECULATION THAT LIBYA KNOWING CAT'S-PAW FOR USSR NOT BORNE OUT BY EXPERIENCE.

4. DESPITE PUBLIC INDICATIONS OF CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN QADHAFI AND THE USSR, NEITHER SIDE FULLY TRUSTS THE OTHER'S MOTIVES. BASIC DIFFERENCES ON IDEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO THE THIRD WORLD AND ON THE VITAL ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION WERE NOT RESOLVED DURING QADHAFI'S DECEMBER 1976 VISIT TO MOSCOW. IN ADDITION, THE USSR HAS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING QADHAFI'S FANATICISM AND RECKLESS, SEEMINGLY INDISCRIMINATE, ACTIVITIES IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE USSR EVIDENTLY HAS AVOIDED RAISING LIBYAN ACTIONS AS AN ISSUE EVEN WHEN QADHAFI'S ADVENTURISM CONFLICTS WITH BROADER SOVIET INTERESTS. MOSCOW BELIEVES CORRECTLY THAT QADHAFI WOULD NOT BE DETERRED BY SUCH SOVIET DEMARCHES BUT WOULD RATHER BE ANNOYED BY THE KREMLIN'S ATTITUDE.

5. THE ABOVE DOES NOT INTEND TO IMPLY THAT DESTABILIZATION AND RADICALIZATION OF RWANDAN POLITICS WOULD NOT BE VIEWED WITH FAVOR BY SOVIETS; MERELY THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS PART OF A COORDINATED MOVE. LIBYA GENERALLY ACTS ON ITS OWN BEHALF ACCORDING TO A COMPLEX SET OF MOTIVES. TRIPOLI'S EXCELLENT DESCRIPTION OF  
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LIBYAN RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA (76 TRIPOLI 0416)  
WAS REPEATED TO YOU AS STATE 78217 DATED 4/10/76. SUGGEST YOU ALSO CONSULT STATE 87589 DATED 4/19/76 FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND. (COPIES ALSO BEING POUCHED).

6. WHILE LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE. PATTERN OF SUCH INVOLVEMENT USUAL ONLY IN COUNTRIES SHARING COMMON BORDERS WITH LIBYA. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT RWANDA LOCUS OF CURRENT LIBYAN DESIGNS. QADHAFI WILL BE SATISFIED WITH NORMAL QUID PRO QUOS ON ARAB ISSUES AND SUPPORT IN MULTINATIONAL FORA IN EXCHANGE FOR MODEST AMOUNTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY SUPPORT. MOST SERIOUS POLITICAL IMPLICATION FOR RWANDA SEEMS TO BE TO WHAT EXTENT WILL THIS POLICY OF OVERTURE CONTRIBUTE TO OR BE USED AS DIVISIVE ISSUE IN INTERNAL POLITICAL MANEUVERING.  
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